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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### ARABIA.

#### *Cases suspected of being plague at Aden.*

Consul Masterson reports, November 2, 1904, to the Assistant Secretary of State, as follows:

Within the last week there have been 6 suspicious cases of sickness at this place that the doctors regard as likely to be plague, yet quarantine has not been established, as there seems to be some question as to the disease being real plague. Four of the victims have died and the remaining ones are getting well.

I am making this report before the port has been officially declared plague infected because of the fact that last May, on the outbreak of the plague, even before the doctors had officially declared it so, there were some merchants that notified their firms in New York of an outbreak of plague here, and the news thus reached Washington before I had sent in my report on it, as I was waiting for an official report before I sent word to the Department. I shall make a report on this matter next week, and in case it is officially declared plague I shall notify the Department by cable.

### AUSTRALIA.

*Plague bulletins from Brisbane, Sydney, and Western Australia—  
Examination of rodents for plague infection—Western Australia  
and Queensland declared free from plague.*

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following reports:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,  
*Brisbane, October 1, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 34, for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, October 1, 1904:

#### RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
BRISBANE.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week.....	442	136	578
Number of rats and mice examined at bacteriological laboratory during week.	364	133	497
Number of rats and mice found infected .....			

B. BURNETT HAM,  
*Commissioner of Public Health.*